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**METHOD FOR REGULATING
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the official action dated December 23, 2002, having a shortened period for response expiring on March 23, 2003, by three months to and including June 23, 2003. This petition is filed in connection with the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and associated Submission filed of even date and a copy of which is hereby attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Eight Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$820) (the fee for a three month extension minus the fee for one month extension filed April 22, 2003) to cover the petition fee and any additional fees or credits in connection with this

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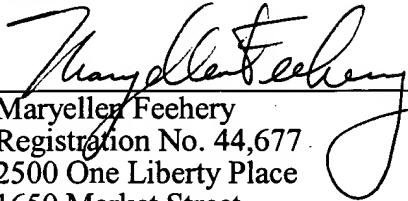
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